

Application No. 10/066,988

REMARKS

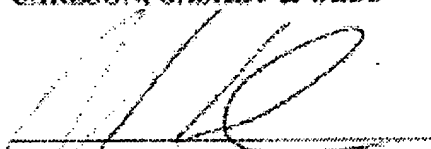
Claims 1-11 and 20-29 are pending and rejected under Section 103 as obvious over Frigo (4,191,944) in view of Kwun (5,767,766). Frigo is a horn, not a horn activation system. Therefore, Frigo does not include the claimed "activation surface for receiving contact by a user to activate a horn" (claim 1) or the "activation surface for receiving force by a user to activate a vehicle function" (claim 20). Therefore, all of the pending claims are patentable over these references.

Additionally, the Examiner admits that Frigo does not disclose the claimed magnetostrictive sensor. The Examiner cites Kwun for the use of magnetostrictive sensors. However, Kwun uses magnetostrictive sensors for monitoring vehicular impacts, not for user-activated switches. Nor does Kwun suggest any such uses for the magnetostrictive sensors. One of ordinary skill in the art would not look to vehicular impact sensors for ways to modify a vehicle horn. Therefore, none of the pending claims are obvious.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fees are due. However, if any fees are due, please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C.

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